(a) whether Government have decided that the State Housing Boards would provide houses to workers and the cost thereof would be paid from out of workers' contribution to provident fund;

(b) whether a phase-wise programme has been chalked out, State-wise; if so; the estimated number of dwelling units to be given to workers by the end of the current plan period;

(c) what progress has been made so far in the implementation of the scheme; and

(d) what is the type of unit to be given to workers and under which scheme and what would be its total cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) It has been suggested to the various State Housing Boards to consider providing houses to the provident fund subscribers, subject to some initial down payment towards the cost of houses being made from their provident fund account,

(b) No formal programme has been halked out so far;

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha; and

(d) The type and cost of houses will vary from place to place. It is not therefore, possible to give a firm indication about the type and cost.

Suggestion of the FICCI for Review of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976

1725. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recently suggested a thorough review of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976, to accelerate construction activity in cities and towns; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH). (a) and (b) A Seminar on 'New Opportunities for House Construction Activity' was organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi on 29-6-87. Various legislations affecting the housing sector including the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 was discussed and suggestions were made for removing the hurdles in the implementation of the Act. Proposals for amendment to the Act are already under consideration of the Government and the suggestions made in the Seminar would be kept in view at the time of finalising the amendments.

National Policy on Animal Slaughter

1726. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Central Leather Research Institute for the formulation of a national policy on animal slaughter to prevent indiscriminate slaughter of young and productive animals and ensure healthy development of the meat industry; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir. However, one of the recommendations of the All India Survey on